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SUBJECT: 1975 WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES

1. NICK RODIS, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY SPORTS FEDERATION (FISU) AND DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS, BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY, HAS INFORMED THE DEPARTMENT THAT THE YUGOSLAV DELEGATES TO A RECENT FISU MEETING IN VIENNA EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT YUGOSLAVIA WILL BE ABLE TO CARRY OUT ITS OBLIGATION TO HOST THE 1975 WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES (SEPTEMBER 11-21, 1975). RODIS CHARACTERIZED THE YUGOSLAVS' STATEMENT AS A "BOMBSHELL", GIVEN THE FACT THAT IT IS ALREADY LATE TO BEGIN PROPER PREPARATION FOR THE 1975 GAMES.

2. THE YUGOSLAV DELEGATES TO THE VIENNA MEETING TOLD RODIS THAT THE REASON IT SEEMED UNLIKELY THEY COULD HOST THE GAMES WAS NEITHER FINANCIAL NOR POLITICAL BUT STEMMED FROM DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE YUGOSLAV SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS

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INVOLVED. RODIS SUBSEQUENTLY HEARD THAT FISU VICE

PRESIDENT TEODOR OLIC MAY HAVE FAILED TO OBTAIN THE
PERMISSION OF THE UNIVERSITY SPORTS FEDERATION OF YUGOSLAVIA
(USFY) TO PROCEED WITH PREPARATIONS FOR THE GAMES.

3. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT USFY (TERAZIJE 35/1,
BELGRADE) SOONEST TO ASCERTAIN PRESENT YUGOSLAV POSITION,
AND REASONS THEREFOR, ON 1975 GAMES. ALTHOUGH WE STRONGLY
HOPE THE YUGOSLAVS WILL HONOR THE OBLIGATION THEY ASSUMED,
EMBASSY SHOULD LIMIT ITS APPROACH TO A BUSINESSLIKE
INQUIRY. INGERSOLL

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